

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the same-numbered claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A system adapted to enable contextual collaboration of applications within a computer network, comprising:

a collaboration manager adapted to support manipulation of collaboration spaces via commands from said applications, wherein said collaboration spaces comprise at least one collaboration elements comprising different collaboration modalities, and wherein said collaboration spaces comprise pointers to said collaboration modalities and attributes associated with said collaboration modalities;

native user interfaces of said applications adapted to access said collaboration spaces, wherein said collaboration spaces are transparently accessible to all of said applications, and wherein said native user interfaces allow collaboration through said applications using said collaboration modalities;

a context manager adapted to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts in a context store, wherein said resources comprise at least one of said collaboration elements, processes, tasks, business objects, users, and roles, wherein said context store comprises structures of said interrelationships and provides linkage between said resources, and wherein said context store lacks knowledge of how and where said resources are physically stored;

a view generator adapted to select a set of said resources to be displayed to a user of said computer network; and

a display adapted to display said set of said resources.

2. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 1, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, further comprising an interface adapted to allow applications to specify commands to manipulate collaboration spaces, commands to

maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts, and queries for context-sensitive views.

3. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 2, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said commands to manipulate collaboration spaces include:

- managing lifecycles of said collaboration spaces;
- maintaining membership lists, user profiles, and role associations in said collaboration spaces;
- adding and removing said collaboration elements; and
- performing modality-specific operations on said collaboration elements.

4. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 2, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said commands to maintain resources and resource interrelationships include:

- creating, deleting, opening, and closing of said contexts;
- adding resources and associations between said resources in said contexts; and
- removing said resources and said associations from said contexts.

5. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 2, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said queries for context-sensitive views include:

- retrieving resources related to a given context;
- retrieving resources related to a given resource within a context; and
- retrieving resources related to a given resource across contexts.

6. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 1, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said collaboration manager is operatively

coupled to a collaboration space directory adapted to store information on collaboration spaces.

7. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 6, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said collaboration manager is further operatively coupled to a collection of adapters adapted to connect to external collaboration capabilities, said adapters each implementing a standardized and modality-specific interface.

8. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 1, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said context manager is operatively coupled to a context model adapted to describe associated resources and resource interrelationships.

9. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 1, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said view generator is operatively coupled to a set of view rules adapted to specify policies for view generation.

10. (Previously Presented) A system adapted to provide collaboration between different applications used by multiple users in a computerized network, said system comprising:

- at least one collaboration space supporting different modes of collaboration, wherein said users collaborate through said different applications using said different modes of collaboration maintained in said collaboration space, wherein said collaboration space comprises at least one pointer to said modes of collaboration and attributes associated with said modes of collaboration;

- a collaboration manager adapted to support manipulation of said collaboration space via commands from said applications;

- native application program interfaces connecting said collaboration space to said applications, thereby making collaboration content available to all said applications, such

that all said collaboration content is transparently accessible by said users natively from within each application;

a context store adapted to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts, wherein said resources including at least one of collaboration elements, processes, tasks, business objects, users, and roles, wherein said context store comprises structures of said interrelationships and provides linkage between said resources, and wherein said context store lacks knowledge of how and where said resources are physically stored; and

a display adapted to display said collaboration space.

11. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 10, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, further comprising a contextual view generator adapted to select a limited set of resources maintained within said collaboration space to be displayed to a user of said computerized network based on user needs.

12. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 10, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said collaboration manager is adapted to maintain said collaboration space.

13. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 12, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said collaboration manager is further adapted to create, delete, archive, and search and query said collaboration spaces.

14. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 12, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said collaboration manager is further adapted to interact with collaboration technology servers.

15. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 10, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said application program interfaces are adapted to create instances of collaborative interaction within said collaboration space.

16-45. (Cancelled).

46. (Previously Presented) A system adapted to enable contextual collaboration of applications within a computer network, comprising:

- a collaboration manager adapted to support manipulation of collaboration spaces via commands from said applications, wherein said collaboration spaces comprise at least one collaboration element comprising different collaboration modalities, and wherein said collaboration spaces comprise pointers to said collaboration modalities and attributes associated with said collaboration modalities;

- native user interfaces of said applications adapted to access said collaboration spaces, wherein said collaboration spaces are transparently accessible to all of said applications, and wherein said native user interfaces allow collaboration through said applications using said collaboration modalities;

- a context manager adapted to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts in a context store, wherein said resources comprise at least one of said collaboration elements, processes, tasks, business objects, users, and roles, wherein said context store comprises structures of said interrelationships and provides linkage between said resources, and wherein said context store lacks knowledge of how and where said resources are physically stored;

- a view generator adapted to select a set of said resources to be displayed to a user of said computer network;

- an interface adapted to allow applications to specify commands to manipulate collaboration spaces, commands to maintain resources and resource interrelationships within contexts, and queries for context-sensitive views,

- wherein said commands to manipulate collaboration spaces include:

managing lifecycles of said collaboration spaces;
maintaining membership lists, user profiles, and role associations in said collaboration spaces;
adding and removing said collaboration elements; and
performing modality-specific operations on said collaboration elements,
wherein said commands to maintain resources and resource interrelationships include:
creating, deleting, opening, and closing of said contexts;
adding resources and associations between said resources in said contexts;
and
removing said resources and said associations from said contexts, and
wherein said queries for context-sensitive views include:
retrieving resources related to a given context,
retrieving resources related to a given resource within a context, and
retrieving resources related to a given resource across contexts; and
a display adapted to display said set of said resources.

47. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 46, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said collaboration manager is operatively coupled to a collaboration space directory adapted to store information on collaboration spaces.

48. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 47, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said collaboration manager is further operatively coupled to a collection of adapters adapted to connect to external collaboration capabilities, said adapters each implementing a standardized and modality-specific interface.

49. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 46, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said context manager is operatively coupled to a context model adapted to describe associated resources and resource interrelationships.

50. (Currently Amended) The system in claim 46, all the limitations of which are incorporated herein by reference, wherein said view generator is operatively coupled to a set of view rules adapted to specify policies for view generation.